



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Seiyo NAKASHIMA, et al.

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated July 26, 2002, Applicants, without traverse, elect for prosecution the claims of Group I, Claims 1-9. If there are any fees in connection with the filing of this response, please charge the fees to our Deposit Account No. 50-1314.

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